

# WATER ISSUES IN IOWA

## 1. Where do you get your drinking water? (check all that apply)

- Well (individual well or well that serves fewer than 15 residences)
- Community well system (well serving 15 or more residences, but not a city system)
- Rural water utility
- City water system
- Purchase bottled water (from grocery store or bottled water delivery service, Culligan, etc.)
- Produce own with reverse osmosis (RO), activated carbon, UV or other home treatment system to remove nitrate, bacteria or other contaminants
- Don't know

## 2. Do you feel that your home drinking water is safe to drink?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

## 3. In your opinion, what is the **quality of groundwater** (sources of well water) in your area?

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

## 4. In your opinion, what is the **quality of surface waters** (rivers, streams, lakes) where you live?

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

## 5. Do you know of or suspect that any of the following conditions are affecting water quality in your area?

|   | <b>Know</b> | <b>Suspect</b> | <b>Not a problem</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| a. High bacteria counts                     | K           | S              | N                    | D                 |
| b. Fertilizer/nitrate                       | K           | S              | N                    | D                 |
| c. Heavy metals (e.g., lead, arsenic)       | K           | S              | N                    | D                 |
| d. Hardness (e.g., calcium, other minerals) | K           | S              | N                    | D                 |
| e. Pesticides                               | K           | S              | N                    | D                 |
| f. Livestock waste                          | K           | S              | N                    | D                 |
| g. Pet waste                                | K           | S              | N                    | D                 |
| h. Septic systems                           | K           | S              | N                    | D                 |
| i. Pharmaceuticals/personal care products   | K           | S              | N                    | D                 |

6. In your opinion, what factors are **most responsible** for the existing pollution problems in Iowa's waterways and water bodies? (List up to three factors)

7. In your opinion, who should be **most responsible** for protecting water quality in your community? (list one)

8. Are you familiar with or have you participated in the Water Rocks! program?

- Familiar with Water Rocks!, but have not participated       Not familiar with Water Rocks!  
 Familiar with and have participated in Water Rocks!\*

\*What type of event? (at school, community, county fair, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Where do you live?

- Inside city limits, not engaged in farming       Outside city limits, not engaged in farming  
 Inside city limits, currently engaged in farming       Outside city limits, currently engaged in farming

10. Approximately what is the population of your community?

11. How long have you lived in your current community?

12. How long have you lived in Iowa?

\_\_\_\_\_ years

13. What is your gender?

- Male       Female       Other       Prefer not to respond

14. What is your age?

\_\_\_\_\_ years old

15. What level of education have you completed?

- Less than high school or some high school       College graduate  
 High school graduate       Advanced college degree  
 Some college or vocational training

16. What is your current occupation (list student if you are a student)?